

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

**Whereas**, South Dakota and this country was founded on hard work, perseverance, dedication and concern for one's fellow man; and,

**Whereas**, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

**Whereas**, Staff Sergeant Richard Allen Lepke has devoted over 38 years of his life to the service of this country and state; and,

**Whereas**, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

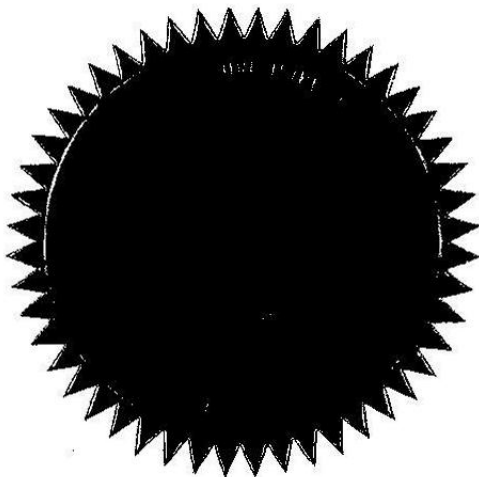
**Whereas**, SSG Richard Allen Lepke continues to give of himself; and,

**Whereas**, It is fitting and proper as governor to commend Staff Sergeant Richard Allen Lepke for over 38 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this country and state:

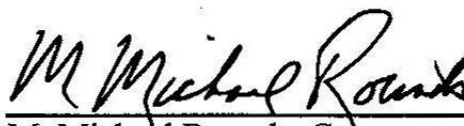
**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and the United States.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State